

THE PALMER ARMY AN AGRICULTURAL AND FARM FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

CHATTANOOGA, 27th. The situation to-night is highly satisfactory. Gen. Sherman, Palmer and Sherman's commands are nearly ten miles beyond Chickamauga Creek in pursuit of the retreating army of Bragg, making every effort to escape our advance near Dalton.

In a sharp fight this morning Gen. Palmer's advance took four guns and three hundred prisoners.

Gen. Sherman is reported to have advanced from Tyne Station on our left to-day and cut off 2000 rebels.

The road along which Bragg is retreating is lined with caissons, wagons, commissary and medical stores.

The prisoners say it is impossible for the rebels to make their troops stand in the line of battle, and that they are retreating in confusion. They destroyed the road fifteen miles above and below Cleveland, and large quantities of munitions at Cleveland, where large quantities of munitions were stored. One hundred wagons loaded with baggage and eighty prisoners captured. Colonel Lang was attacked subsequently by a superior force of infantry and artillery, but succeeded in bringing his prisoners off.

Our loss in the three days fight not exceeding 3000.

Grand Advance of Meade's Army—Crossing the Rapidan—Lee Retreating towards Richmond.

WASHINGTON, 27th. Accounts received to-night from the Army of the Potomac say our troops broke camp yesterday morning and marched towards the Rapidan in three columns. The right, consisting of the corps, supported by the 6th were ordered to cross at Jacob's Ford, the 2d corps to cross at Germania Ford and the 5th, supported by the 1st to cross at Culpeper Ford between Germania and Ely's Ford. The center column arrived at the Rapidan at noon. Only a small picket of Georgia cavalry were seen on the other side.

The latest reliable intelligence is that Lee's forces do not exceed 50,000 men.

The enemy's right flank near the mountain is protected by a line of works diverging from the river defenses, running South and then Southeast, resembling our own line at Gettysburg. On crossing points, therefore, were all between the Rappahannock and the rebel position.

A portion of our troops reached the other side of the Rapidan yesterday night, and the right wing of the line, which was composed of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 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